

Student Involvement at MMS

Being involved at school helps students to develop more relationships and to feel more confident and connected here. Over the course of the year we provide many opportunities – through classes, X-Blocks, and after-school activities – for our students to pursue their interests and talents and to expand their experiences. Please encourage your children to participate in our offerings, whether their choice is a weekly after-school activity, a sports team, a music ensemble, or an enrichment activity related to one of their classes.

Our Student Council has been particularly active – and generous – in recent years. All students at MMS are members of the Student Council, and welcome to attend and participate in every meeting. Meetings are on Wednesdays at noon and after school on Wednesdays. Student Council also plays a major role in developing social events for MMS students.

More than half of our students are involved in one or more music ensembles. There are chorus, orchestra and band ensembles available for students at each grade level. Ensembles meet during X-Block so they won't conflict with any other course offerings.

Our after-school activities program continues to thrive, with over 200 students participating each marking period. Most activities meet once a week – on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. We are very pleased that so many of our students are engaged in these various school offerings. We know that students who are involved in school activities develop deeper connections and commitments here and tend to be more committed to their school work in general.

There are also enrichment activities available in all subjects. Our enrichment program coordinates several special programs, including History Day, Science Quiz Bowl, the VEX robotics team, and Global Education. We also have a long tradition of partner school relationships and have offered enrichment trips, on a limited basis, to our partner schools in Sarstedt, Germany, and Tai'an City, China.

In alternating years we have been able to offer musical productions that involve more than 100 students in performing and supporting roles. Recent productions have included *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Annie* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

For seventh and eighth graders, we offer interscholastic sports teams for cross-country, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and track.

We want all of our students to explore the full range of possibilities that we offer. If your child has not participated in any of these programs yet, please take the time to discuss some possible areas of interest. Please let a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator know if we can be of help.

We welcome suggestions for new after-school activities from students or parents. Each year we offer new activities that have been suggested by students.

Middle school is a wonderful time to explore a variety of interests. We congratulate all of the students who participate, and we are grateful to all of the faculty members who make these opportunities possible. We are fortunate to be able to provide for interests in so many areas. Please let us know if we can help to involve your child.

Sincerely,
Jeff Cryan